

106TH CONGRESS  
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# S. 2117

To amend title 9, United States Code, with respect to consumer credit transactions.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

FEBRUARY 29, 2000

Mr. FEINGOLD (for himself and Mr. LEAHY) introduced the following bill;  
which was read twice and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Consumer Credit Fair  
5       Dispute Resolution Act of 2000”.

6       **SEC. 2. CONSUMER CREDIT TRANSACTIONS.**

7       (a) DEFINITION.—Section 1 of title 9, United States  
8       Code, is amended—

9               (1) in the section heading, by striking “**and**  
10       **‘commerce’ defined**” and inserting “, ‘com-

1       **merce’, ‘consumer credit transaction’, and**  
 2       **‘consumer credit contract’ defined**”; and

3           (2) by inserting before the period at the end the  
 4       following: “; ‘consumer credit transaction’, as herein  
 5       defined, means the right granted to a natural person  
 6       to incur debt and defer its payment, where the credit  
 7       is intended primarily for personal, family, or house-  
 8       hold purposes; and ‘consumer credit contract’, as  
 9       herein defined, means any contract between the par-  
 10      ties to a consumer credit transaction.”.

11       (b) AGREEMENTS TO ARBITRATE.—Section 2 of title  
 12      9, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end  
 13      the following: “Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, a  
 14      written provision in any consumer credit contract evidenc-  
 15      ing a transaction involving commerce to settle by arbitra-  
 16      tion a controversy thereafter arising out of the contract,  
 17      or the refusal to perform the whole or any part thereof,  
 18      shall not be valid or enforceable. Nothing in this section  
 19      shall prohibit the enforcement of any written agreement  
 20      to settle by arbitration a controversy arising out of a con-  
 21      sumer credit contract, if such written agreement has been  
 22      entered into by the parties to the consumer credit contract  
 23      after the controversy has arisen.”.

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